

Solicitation for Bid and Permit for Grazing on Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

WMA being grazed: Bud Phelps WMA

Location approximate: That area of the Bud Phelps WMA south and west of the east parking lot and immediately north of the east parking lot. The area to be grazed contains 150 acres more or less. Bud Phelps WMA is west of Logan on the Mendon Road and just east of the Little Bear River. See map on last page of this document.

Contact Information:

DWR Northern Region Office
Kent Sorenson
Asst. Habitat Mgr.
515 East 5300 South
Ogden UT 84401
801-643-8342

or

Matt Burgess
District Conservation Officer
435-881-2031

Grazing period/time: The beginning date 05-01; the ending date 06-30 annually. However, upon recommendation from the area biologist/conservation officer, livestock grazing may be initiated or extended by as much as two weeks depending upon range condition and productivity.

Optimum percent removal of indicator vegetation species: No more than 80% removal of current annual growth from perennial grasses on most of the grazed area. The Division desires to manage the property for wildlife habitat by using domestic livestock as a management tool to set back grass dominance in the vegetative assemblage in order to promote grass, shrub and forb diversity to be used by upland game.

Minimum and maximum number of AUMs/livestock: This permit will be for 125 AUMs and this permit will be for cattle only. The Division may require the permittee to provide for herding, if the Division believes it is necessary to effect proper livestock distribution. Restricting or concentrating livestock and encouraging their usage into certain portions of the area may be requested. At the discretion of the district wildlife biologist and/or Regional Habitat Manager, portions of the allotment may require rest to accommodate habitat improvement projects and AUMs will be adjusted accordingly.

Conditions and restrictions requiring livestock removal or suspension of present and/or future grazing privileges: utilization goal for key forage species has been met or exceeded prior to end of grazing period, causing significant damage to permanent structures, soils, and plants; drifting snow conditions where forage is inaccessible to livestock, insufficient forage due to other forms of removal (wildfire burning), drought caused forage reduction.

Livestock Operator Responsibilities: The livestock operator is responsible for checking animals. The bidder must have a vested interest in the livestock provided. The bidder we hold legally responsible for the entire herd and its management whether he owns them all or not. Livestock found on Division lands outside the permitted grazing period or area shall be declared in trespass and action shall be taken. The livestock operator is responsible for reporting to area contact personnel any changes in stocking rates or numbers within 48 hours. The permittee will be required to provide tools and perform routine fence maintenance on the unit's permanent boundary gates, fences or cross fences, electrical equipment, etc. The Division will furnish all supplies for maintaining said fences. The permittee is responsible for proper grazing and good conservation practices to safeguard and improve water and surface resources and to comply with the Division's requests respecting conservation practices. Livestock operator is responsible for temporary loading livestock and handling facilities.

Livestock operator is responsible for insuring water availability and any supplemental feed blocks that may be required. Only small easily hand moveable, small block mineral type feeders will be allowed. Salting/mineral block placement shall be away from wetlands or other sensitive areas and relocated at least every two weeks to reduce soil erosion from concentrated livestock. Any temporary emergency feeding will require written approval from UDWR Area Biologist/ Conservation Officer and create cause for required herd removal.

Any other requests which may be considered advisable, is the sole discretion of the Division, from a range management standpoint. Any improvement project must be preapproved by the UDWR. Any improvement which is affixed to the property shall be property of the UDWR. All materials acquired by the permittee through In-Kind fees as specified later shall be property of the UDWR.

A grazing permit issued for this solicitation may not be assigned, partially assigned, subpermitted, leased, subleased, mortgaged, pledged or otherwise transferred, disposed, or encumbered in any fashion without the prior written consent of the division. The permittee has the right to use the property only for the purpose of livestock grazing. The permittee shall not obstruct the right of the public to access to the permitted property (23-12-4 UCA).

All permittees are prohibited from filing an application to appropriate water on division lands unless the application is approved by the division in writing and is filed in the name of the State of Utah, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

The UDWR shall not be responsible for the injury, loss or death of any livestock. In the event of death of any livestock, the Lessee shall be responsible for the removal of the carcass from the property within three days from the time of discovery.

Bid Request Information

See all previous information before bidding.

Length of permit: A grazing permit issued for this solicitation will be good for one year as specified previously with an option to renew if completed correctly as identified in rule R657-28-7 and the provisions herein. Renewals must be in writing, signed by both parties, and will also be governed by all provisions contained within. The Division may terminate the permit's second year option in whole or part, after 60 days written notice, for any reason. In addition to the bid price, the Division will consider the relevant factors of range management in determining which, if any, bid should be accepted. The Division may reject any or all bids.

AUM bid per unit (\$1.00/AUM minimum): \$ _____

Number of animals proposed to be grazed: _____

Grazer/animal type: **cattle, horse, goat, sheep, other (please identify):** _____

Requested start date within the established grazing period: _____

The bid value is requested to be paid with In-Kind Service Projects. Please provide a bid/dollar amount for any of the following you are willing to perform or are willing to pay an independent contractor to perform: UDWR provides all project materials, which permittees are to pick up by appointment only at DWR Northern Region Office.

Permittee is responsible for all materials items needed lists, loading, transportation, tools, equipment, and installation or labor costs. Work projects will be on the WMA.

No permittee will be allowed to put livestock on Division land until all pre-graze livestock containment gates or fencing requirements have been completed through In- Kind payment. All In-Kind payment for the areas minimum annual AUM is due by July 1st each year. Payment for any increased stocking rates is due by August 1st.

Grazing payments are not refundable for operators that choose not to utilize or finish their grazing permit. (Refunds will be made if the Division reduces the stocking rate totals during the grazing period below previously completed In-kind payment.)

The bidder should be the primary contact. Primary and secondary contact information including both mail and phone must be provided to the WMA supervisor. Number of co-owners or operators being represented, if more than one, and please provide contact information for all livestock owners involved with this lease:

Primary contact phone numbers address

Secondary contact phone numbers address

Other contacts phone numbers address

Others contacts phone numbers address

Other contacts phone numbers address

Others contacts phone numbers address

The permittee is and shall be regarded as an independent contractor and assumes and agrees to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Division and its employees and agents from all liability and expense on account of claims, suits, and costs growing out of or connected with any operation or conflicts by or with the permittee or employees of the permittee or agents or co-owners or other owners or listed contacts pertaining to this agreement.

I, the undersigned applicant have reviewed and initialed all pages of this document, submit this bid subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth herein, and I agree that if my bid is accepted I will pay the bid price in full to the Divisions execution of my bid and issuance to me of this permit. Also, if awarded the bid, an initialed and signed original copy will be provided and reviewed with the WMA supervisor or his delegate prior to moving in any livestock.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2014_____.

ACCEPTANCE:

UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
APPLICANT RESOURCES

ADDRESS


DATE:_____

CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: _____

Bid deadline is 6 p.m. February 21, 2014. Bids are to be mailed or delivered by hand to:

Habitat Manager, Northern Region
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
515 East 5300 South
Ogden, UT 84405

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape featuring a winding river, fields, and some buildings. Overlaid on the map are two colored regions: a bright green area in the upper right and a larger orange area in the center. The text 'Green-tinted areas are grazing pastures' is positioned to the left of the green area, and 'BUD PHELPS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA' is centered over the orange area.

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